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and  
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**FRANK E. HOWE, Editor and Publisher**

Members of the Publishers Press.  
Telegraphic news received up to  
the hour of going to press.

Up in Bristol there have been no  
church services for several weeks on  
account of small-pox. The Bristol  
small boy who began attending two  
Sunday schools the second week in  
October with an eye on Christmas is  
doubtless of the opinion that this is a  
cold cruel world.

**ARLINGTON**

Dr. C. W. Phillips has returned from  
Burlington.

Mr. Higgins is spending a few days  
at Oscar Lett's.

S. Deming returned to New York  
City on Saturday.

C. Ernest of Pittsfield, Mass., spent  
Christmas at home.

Miss Gretta Dunn of North Adams  
is at Mrs. Wm. Delaney's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Canfield and son  
returned to South Shaftsbury Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Spafford of North  
Bennington were the guests of F. N.  
Canfield and wife on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Canfield returned to  
Rutland Monday morning accompanied  
by Mrs. Harmon E. Canfield who has  
been here for several weeks at her  
home here.

**SANDGATE**

Herbert Bentley spent Christmas in  
Glens Falls, N. Y.

Alvah Roberson is home for the  
holidays with his father M. G. Roberson.

Miss Belle Hurd from Beartown has  
been spending a week with her uncle  
M. Z. Hurd.

The Ladies Aid society, netted nearly  
\$13.00 at their social Thursday evening  
of last week.

Miss Carrie Snyder went to Man-  
chester to see her father on Thursday,  
returning the same day.

M. J. Covey was in town on Wed-  
nesday of last week, looking after his  
interests in the store.

Wm. Hamilton Jr., who was taken  
ill while home on his school vacation  
from Castleton is improving.

Clarence Mears got quite a serious  
whack, on his back, while loading logs,  
but is now able to get out of doors  
some.

Mrs. Cole Sticks and little son  
John started Monday for Kankakee,  
Ill., where Cole has a position and is  
working.

Miss Jonett Wilkinson and William  
Skidmore who are very seriously ill,  
do not gain as their friends would  
wish and Mrs. Jerome Still, continues  
nearly the same.

News was received in town last week,  
that Miss Anna Hoyt of Mount Morris,  
Mich., had the misfortune recently to  
slip, while walking on the icy walk,  
to fall and break her ankle.

**UPON DEBIES.**

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Sir Thomas Lip-  
ton denies that H. Hier Davis, who as  
his personal representative conducted  
the details of the last international  
yacht races, intends to sever his con-  
nection with the Lipton company.

**Auto Races For Bennett Cup.**

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The automobile  
races for the James Gordon Bennett  
cup will take place June 17 next, as has  
been definitely decided.

**Last Link Completed.**

OLEAN, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The last  
link of the Pittsburg, Shawmut and  
Northern railroad between Angelica  
and Bolivar, in Allegany county, has  
been completed, and regular trains will  
begin running over the line today. The  
Shawmut now has a continuous line  
from Hornellsville. The road has at-  
tracted attention on account of the ma-  
terial used in construction. Oak ties  
and eighty-five pound rails have been  
used throughout.

**World Tourist at Omaha.**

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 28.—Rev. Dr.  
Francis E. Clark, who is touring the  
world in the interest of Christian En-  
deavor, addressed two large meetings  
in Omaha, this being his only stop be-  
tween Boston and San Francisco. Ac-  
companied by his daughter, he will  
sail for Australia on Thursday.

**French Duel; Usual Result.**

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A duel with swords  
was fought here between Captain Levy  
of the Fifth regiment of engineers and  
Henri de Molroy, a leading anti-Semite.  
Captain Levy was wounded in the arm.  
The duel was the outcome of a violent  
altercation over the Dreyfus case.

**AT THE  
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Cor. North and Pleasant Street you  
will find the best of home-made  
sausage, also a full line of the best  
meats.

**CLARENCE CHANDLER,  
Manager.**

**COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.**

Estate of WILLIAM DOLAN.  
The undersigned, having been appointed  
by the Hon. Probate Court for the District of Ben-  
nington, COMMISSIONERS, to receive exam-  
ine and adjust all claims and demands of all per-  
sons against the estate of William Dolan, late  
of Shaftsbury in said District, deceased, and all  
claims exhibited in or out of the estate, hereby give  
notice that we will meet for the purposes afore-  
said, at Wallace Lyons' Hotel at South Shafts-  
bury, Vt., on the 4th day of January, and 12th day  
of May next from 2 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m. and that  
six months from the 12th day of November,  
A. D. 1903 is the time limited by said Court for  
said creditors to present their claims to us for  
examination and allowance.

Dated at Shaftsbury, Vt., this 24th day of Nov.  
A. D. 1903

H. MERLE BOTTLE,  
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We usually name a good many lead-  
ing articles that we carry in our stock,  
but we feel that our patrons and the  
public in general know that we are the  
leaders in our line of goods, of any  
store in Southern Vermont; conse-  
quently we feel it is not necessary to  
enumerate so extensively.

Best Teas of all grades from 15c up  
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Ten different kinds of Coffee from  
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the best of them all; 35c per pound—  
3 pounds for \$1.00.

We have all kinds of delicacies in  
glass and tin, Fruits and Nuts of all  
kinds, Stuffed Dates, Stuffed Figs,  
Glaced Fruits in fancy boxes, French  
Macaroons, Italian Macaroons, Almond  
Macaroons and Coconut Macaroons.

In fact we have everything that  
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vities.

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line of business.

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**Boys' Books  
New Years**

The Henty Books, Horatio  
Alger, Jr., Works, Oliver  
Optics, Kirk Munro's, Rob-  
inson Crusoe, Swiss Family  
Robinson, Stevenson's  
Treasure Island, Rip Van  
Winkle and many others.

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**THE DEAD LETTER SALE.**

Not a Sale of Letters But of the Mer-  
chandise They Often Contain  
—An Explanation.

Referring to the article protesting  
against the method of the post office  
department in disposing of undelivered  
articles of merchandise, etc., accumu-  
lated in the dead letter office, permit  
me to say, says a Washington Star  
writer, by way of correcting what  
seems to be a wrong impression, that,  
so far as letters are concerned, they  
are never put up for sale, only the  
merchandise they chance to contain.  
All letters received at the dead letter  
office are treated as strictly private,  
which they are. They are at once re-  
turned to the writer or forwarded to  
the addresses, when either can be  
done. Otherwise they are destroyed.  
Parcels or articles of merchandise are  
held some years, after a diligent effort  
made to restore them to a rightful owner  
has failed, after which such merchan-  
dise as is salable and fit therefor is pre-  
pared for the annual sale, the original  
wrapper and all identity of the former  
owner having been removed. Hence it  
cannot make a particle of difference to  
the former owner of such parcel whether  
it was sold or destroyed, and but little  
remains to satisfy the "morbid curiosity"  
of the buyer, beyond the interest natu-  
rally felt in a speculative way. Then, if  
the eager buyer profits by the deal, which  
is the general rule, and \$3,000 or \$4,000  
go to the government as a partial reim-  
bursement for the expenses of this ser-  
vice for the public, why not? Who is  
there who would not prefer to have  
his or her stray goods sold to the inter-  
est of both the public and the govern-  
ment to their being burned, and which  
is the most "scandalous"?

**TEN LAYERS OF HISTORY.**

On One Sacred Site in Egypt Temples  
Had Been Piled on Ruins of  
Other Temples.

For the first time the whole history of  
one of the great national sites of Egypt  
has been opened before us; dating from  
the beginning of the kingdom, and end-  
ing with almost the last of the native  
kings—from Menes, about 4700 B. C., to  
Nekht-horheb, 270 B. C., says Harper's  
Magazine. History is here laid out for  
us in strata, from which the past can be  
read as we lift them away one from an-  
other.

In order to read, however, one must  
know the alphabet of the subject; and  
that has lately been learned, from the  
pottery, the flints, the beads, which  
show, each, the age to which they belong.  
Excavation on a site with a long history  
is mere destruction if each stratum  
is not read and interpreted intelli-  
gently as it is opened; unfortunately,  
this has never been done before on any  
such site. On the earliest sacred site of  
Abydos, the first capital of Egypt, tem-  
ples had been piled one on the ruins of  
another until ten ages of buildings stood  
stacked together in about 20 feet depth  
of ruins. Each temple had become par-  
tially ruined after a few centuries, and  
then at last was pulled down, leaving a  
foot or two of the walls and founda-  
tions; and a new temple of a different  
plan was then erected on the ground.  
America is not old enough for this to be  
done even once, but London stands on a  
mound of over 20 feet of ruins, from  
which its past will be read as we now  
read that of Egypt.

**INDIAN SUMMER.**

It's Easy to Tell When That Delight-  
ful Season Ends, But When  
Does It Begin.

In the gentle and indefinable shading  
off of summer into autumn, when does  
Indian summer begin? Is it a genuine  
authoritative Indian summer if no frost  
has preceded it? Or must the woods  
light up their banners to herald its ad-  
vent? An Indian summer that is not  
born of a few frosty nights may sud-  
denly backslide and become a reversion  
to summer itself, says the St. Louis  
Globe-Democrat. We can reconcile no  
ideals of that perfect season of the  
year with a return to perspiration and  
the casting off of coats. An Indian sum-  
mer of hot days is no Indian summer. It  
cannot come scorching and sweltering  
as July, August and September, but  
velled in blue mists or gray, every day,  
breaking in the same unvarying tints  
and tones and likewise temperature of  
the one before it, as if nature had saved  
her best in the bottom of the basket and  
were hanging out an unspotted one every  
morning. Indian summer may continue  
long after the last leaf has fallen and  
been gathered to its companions in the  
brown windrows. It is not perplexing  
to discover when Indian summer ends.  
It is swept out and washed away in long,  
cold November rain, that stretches its  
warning streamers across the sky for  
days before it spreads its dripping win-  
try pall over the earth. But when does  
Indian summer begin?

**Railway Construction.**

In 1857 an American named Collins  
first proposed a railway from the Amur  
to the village of Tschita. Later, several  
plans were formulated, but it was not  
until March 17, 1891, that the Trans-  
Siberian railway was definitely deter-  
mined on and projected by an imperial  
order. On May 19, 1891, the first stone  
was laid. The line covers 3,562 miles in  
Russian territory and 1,604 miles in  
Chinese territory. In ten and one-half  
years 5,166 miles of rails were laid. In  
the Canadian Pacific, constructed under  
similar conditions, it took ten years to  
lay 2,921 miles of rails.

**Cruel Punishment.**

A man who was caught in the act of  
committing burglary at Paterson, N. J.,  
was ducked several times in clean water  
and then told to leave town. It is re-  
ported that the friction he created in the  
air as he left almost set his clothes on  
fire.

**Russian Enterprise.**

The Russian government will estab-  
lish permanent commercial museums in  
Paris.

**UNCLE JOE'S WAGES.**

What is the Speaker to Do with His  
Odd Seventeen Dollars a Month  
—Mr. Speaker Will.

If Uncle Sam was a private employ-  
er, and could hear what his men in  
the house of representatives are say-  
ing about their inadequate compensa-  
tion, he would expect to see them out  
on a strike before long. The trouble  
here is that neither "union" wants to  
take the responsibility of ordering one.

"I should like to congratulate the  
member of congress quoted in your  
columns recently as having a hotel  
bill less than his salary," remarked a  
New York representative to a Boston  
Transcript correspondent. "I pay at the  
hotel for my family," continued the  
New Yorker, "about a month under  
contract. I draw from the government  
\$417. You see where the profit comes in.  
Nobody wants to make election to  
congress a financial prize, but many of  
us do think the salary should be suf-  
ficient to support a man in Wash-  
ington according to his station. No  
senator or representative should be  
expected to go to an alley boarding  
house."

The story is told of Mr. Cannon's  
purpose to go to a better hotel on  
his election to the speakership than  
he has formerly lived in. He accord-  
ingly was conducted by the clerk of  
one of the more fashionable establish-  
ments to such a small suite of rooms as  
his actual needs required. "How much is  
it?" asked the speaker.

"We would let you have it for \$100  
a month."

As the speaker hesitated, fingering  
his cigar in a nervous way, the so-  
licitous clerk inquired: "That is not  
too much, is it, Mr. Speaker?"

"Oh, no; not at all," responded Mr.  
Cannon, gravely. "I was merely puzz-  
ling my brain to think what I could  
do with my other \$17."

**RELICS OF BYGONE DAYS.**

New Methods Responsible for De-  
serted Homes and Villages in  
Parts of New Jersey.

In driving through certain portions  
of the townships of Washington and  
Bass river, says a Mount Holly (N. J.)  
dispatch to the Chicago Inter-  
Ocean, one is struck by the number of  
deserted homes that line the main  
thoroughfare, through the pines. In  
some circumstances small villages that  
were once prosperous communities, are  
uninhabited and rapidly falling to de-  
cay.

In years gone by in the pine district  
there was considerable manufacturing  
going on, shipbuilding was an active  
industry, and the lumber trade occu-  
pied a large share of attention. The  
manufacture of iron from bog ore was  
also carried on. Now this is all  
changed. New methods have been  
responsible for it. The old furnace  
at Martha, where large quantities of  
iron were made, is a heap of ruins.

Near Hampton Gate is a church in  
which the colored people used to wor-  
ship, and it, too, shows the marks of  
time. "King" Lewis Armstrong, de-  
ceased, of Mount Holly, was wont to  
come in years gone by and stir the  
brethren to fresh deeds of spiritual  
valor.

Another historic place is Washing-  
ton tavern. Years ago it was a popu-  
lar resort and favorite stopping place  
for teamsters carrying merchandise  
from the shore to Mount Holly. To-  
day the building is tottering, the  
fences have the verigo, while all along  
the road are to be found abandoned  
and dismantled homes.

**WHEN A MAN SNEEZES.**

English Surgeon Says It Is a Sign of  
Good Health—Queer Oriental  
Customs.

It is reported that Mr. Johnathan  
Hutchinson has said that "when a  
man sneezes heartily he may know  
himself to be in the best of health,"  
and that "no person in poor health  
was ever known to sneeze." The  
Scientific American, referring to this  
reported statement, falls foul of the  
English surgeon for making so dog-  
matic an assertion, when the con-  
trary is so easily proved. The jour-  
nal in question then goes on to re-  
late many old superstitions with re-  
gard to the ill luck attending sneez-  
ing, some of which, while proving  
nothing, are interesting. It appears  
that many savage and semi-civilized  
races of the orient have some curious  
customs regarding the sneeze. When  
the sultan of Monomtopa sneezes, for  
instance, the fact is made known from  
the palace by a certain signal. In-  
stantly every subject with hearing of  
the signal sets up a shout, the cry  
is taken up by others, and so extends  
until it runs through the confines of  
his empire. When the sultan of Senaar  
sneezes, on the contrary, every woman  
in his harem or within hearing turns  
her back on him, and makes a sign  
of contempt by smiting her hips with  
her hands—disgusted that so mighty  
a personage should have to sneeze like  
an ordinary mortal.

**French Have Lost Their Knack.**

In Crimean days it used to be said  
that French soldiers could manufacture  
appetizing and nutritious dishes out  
of nothing in particular. Apparently this  
knack has been lost, for Lieut. Billard  
has deemed it necessary to compile a  
manual of 40 pages, giving culinary  
recipes useful under conditions pre-  
vailing in barracks. In the menus  
given variety is aimed at, and there  
are directions as to the quantity of  
each ingredient needed for a given  
number of men.

**Rieger, the California  
Perfumer**

**J. T. Shurtleff,  
Druggist.**

**NOTICE.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the  
First National Bank of North Bennington, Vt.,  
will be held at their banking house on Tuesday,  
the fifth day of January, 1904, at 10 o'clock a.  
m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Di-  
rectors for the ensuing year and for the transac-  
tion of any other proper and necessary busi-  
ness.

S. B. HALL, Cashier.  
North Bennington, December 3, 1903.

**AT  
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ing Stamps with your pur-  
chases, and you can re-  
deem if you bring to the  
store \$50.00 of Home  
Stamps for a valuable  
premium in Silverware,  
Cutlery, Rugs, Clocks,  
Albums, Lamps, etc., etc.

Our Clearance Sale of  
Cloaks, Tailored Suits,  
Furs and Millinery is now  
going on. Goods must be  
disposed of without regard  
to cost before our annual  
inventory. You will save  
1-3, 1-2 and even more if  
you are quick to use the  
opportunity, so call at  
once. We thank you for  
all past favors and wish  
you a happy New Year.

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better service than any  
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